Elder, two sons shot dead in North Waziristan

By Our Correspondent

NORTH WAZIRISTAN: A tribal elder and his two sons were killed in an attack by unknown persons in Dattakhel area of North Waziristan district on Friday, the police said.

They said unknown motorcyclists opened fire in Manzarkhel area, killing Ayub Nawaz and his sons, Sakhi Zaman and Wali Rehman.

District police officer Waqar Ahmed said the armed suspects opened indiscriminate fire near the tribal elder's house and escaped.He said initial reports suggested that it was a targeted killing.

However, he added that the incident was being probed. He also said a search operation was launched in the area to arrest the attackers.

The police shifted the bodies to hospital for post-mortem, while security in the area was further tightened.

Abandoned telephone exchange building blown up in Lakki

By Our Correspondent

LAKKI MARWAT: An old and abandoned building of a telephone exchange was blown up with explosives in Takhtikhel area of Lakki Marwat district on Friday, the police said.

An official said that the incident occurred within the limits of Shaheed Asmatullah Khan Khattak police station of Serai Naurang town.

He said that an improvised explosive device planted along the building of the exchange went off with a bang, destroying the structure.

The official said that the explosion was heard in the entire rural locality.

"After the blast, a police contingent rushed to the site and launched a search for the perpetrators in the area," he added.

Separately, terrorists kidnapped a police official from Havaid Adda area of Bannu district on Friday.

An official identified the kidnapped policeman as Shafiullah and said he was posted to the police's Special Branch. He said that the kidnappers shifted him to an undisclosed location.

The official said that the police had launched an operation in the surrounding areas to track down the kidnappers and ensure safe recovery of the abducted constable.

Three of family killed in Peshawar

PESHAWAR: Three members of a family, including two women, were killed with a sharp-edged weapon in the Qazi Kalay area in the jurisdiction of Faqirabad police station here on Thursday night, the police said.

The shocking incident spread grief among local residents, prompting a swift response from law enforcement authorities.

A spokesperson for the capital city police said that unidentified assailants entered a house during the night and attacked the inmates with a sharp weapon, killing all three on the spot.

The deceased were identified as Abdul Rehman, 30, son of Dilawar, 60-year-old wife of Dilawar, and 26-year-old wife of Abdul Rehman.

Soon after the incident was reported, SP Faqirabad Mohammad Arshad Khan, DSP Faqirabad Umar Afridi, SHO Faqirabad police station Bilal Hussain, and investigating officer Kamran Marwat, along with a contingent, reached the crime scene.

The bodies were shifted to hospital for post-mortem examination.

Police officials inspected the site from multiple angles and began an investigation to uncover the motive behind the gruesome murders and identify those responsible.
— APP

MOTORISTS pass through Northern Bypass as smog envelops Peshawar on Friday morning. — PPI

Graft probe against MNA Atif tainted with ulterior motives, rules PHC

Declares no 'unfettered discretion' with ACE to conduct inquiries

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar High Court has declared that the start of an inquiry by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) against Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf leader and MNA Mohammad Atif Khan seven years after the lodging of a complaint is based on mala fide intent and tainted with ulterior motives or political overtones.

A bench consisting of Justice Mohammad Naeem Anwar and Justice Kamran Hayat Miankhel ruled: "The investigating authorities cannot claim unfettered discretion to conduct inquiries or investigations according to their whims; their authority is always subject to the control of law and constitutional supervision of the courts."

"In the present case, as stated earlier, the revival of a dormant complaint after seven years, particularly, when the matter had earlier been referred to NAB and closed, suggests that the impugned inquiry is not founded on genuine investigative purpose but is tainted with ulterior motives or political overtones," it ruled.

The bench made several observations against the ACE in its detailed judgement in a petition filed by Atif Khan, seeking quashing of call-up notices to him by the ACE on Oct 31 and Nov 1, 2024 in the inquiry started in connection with alleged irregularities in a private housing society named Fazal Garden, Mardan and Malam Jabba land lease by the then government.

The bench has in Sep this year pronounced a short order whereby the call-up notices were declared to be without lawful authority and had quashed all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

Senior lawyer Shumail Ahmad Butt represented the petitioner and stated and that the issuance of the impugned notices was only to 'subject' his client to undue harassment and public humiliation to tarnish his reputation

He said the matter of Malam Jabba land lease had already been subjected to rigorous investigation by the National Accountability Bureau, which found no trace of any illegality or impropriety and thus the matter stood as past and closed transaction.

The bench observed that the record revealed that the petitioner was a member of the provincial assembly and held the office of minister for education. It was added that on May 28, 2018, the former district nazim of Mardan Himayatullah Mayar, had filed a complaint alleging that the petitioner had illegally transferred 500 kanal agricultural 'government land;' in the name of his father and subsequently a private housing society was constructed through government funds.

"The record reveals that the complaint forming the basis of the impugned inquiry was lodged in 2018, while the inquiry No. 81 pertains to year, 2014, but no preliminary or open inquiry was initiated by the Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) for almost seven years. The Establishment remained dormant throughout this prolonged period, and only in 2025, after a considerable lapse of time, an inquiry was commenced on the very same complaint containing no fresh allegations or additional material," the bench observed.

"Though, the Rule provides limited discretion to the competent authority to extend the time for reasonable grounds, yet there is no provision permitting revival of a stale complaint after several years of inaction," the bench observed.

The court further ruled: "Thus, the initiation of an inquiry after seven years not only defeats the object of Rule 6 (KP ACE Rules 1999), which was designed to ensure prompt and fair investigations and to prevent misuse of administrative machinery for belated or extraneous purposes but also renders the action of Anti-Corruption Establishment highly suspicious; such conduct smacks of mala fide and cannot withstand judicial scrutiny."

The court further pointed out "In the circumstances initiation of the present inquiry after a lapse of seven years on an old complaint without the discovery of any new material or authorisation under Rule 3, and that too without specific information of the inquiry, amounts to an arbitrary, mala fide, and unlawful exercise of jurisdiction. Such action is inconsistent with Rule 6 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Anti-Corruption Establishment Rules, 1999, and violative of constitutional guarantees of due process and fair treatment."

"It is settled law that ordinarily the superior Courts do not interfere in matters during the investigation phase, as the same falls within the exclusive domain of the investigating agency. However, when mala fide is apparent on the face of record or the action is without lawful authority, the courts cannot remain silent spectators," it declared.

The bench also referred to multiple judgements of the superior courts on the matter.

All set for KP Bar Council elections today

106 candidates in fray for 28 seats

Dawn Report

PESHAWAR: A total of 106 candidates are in the run for the elections on the 28 seats of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bar Council across the province today (Saturday).

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Advocate General Shah Faisal Uthmankhel, who is chairman of the council by virtue of his post, is the returning officer for the polls.

The polls are held after every five years.

The province has been divided into six groups comprising different districts. There are seven seats for Peshawar and Khyber districts, for which 37 candidates are trying their luck. Similarly, four candidates are contesting a single seat jointly for Charsadda and Mohmand, whereas five are contesting for a single Nowshera seat.

Eight and three candidates, respectively, are contesting two seats of Mardan and a single seat of Swabi. Against a single seat jointly for Kohat, Hangu, Kurram and Orakzai districts, three candidates are trying their luck, whereas two candidates are contesting a seat of Karak district.

In DI Khan, Tank and South Waziristan, there are two seats having seven candidates, whereas three candidates are contesting a single seat assigned to Bannu and North Waziristan.

Moreover, two candidates are vying for a single seat each assigned to Lakki Marwat and Haripur districts. Against two seats of Abbottabad, eight candidates are in the fray.

Five candidates are in the field for two seats jointly assigned to Mansehra, Battagram, Torghar, Upper Kohistan, Lower Kohistan and Kolai Palas. Similarly, there are four and three candidates, respectively, for a single seat each in Swat and Shangla.

Furthermore, four candidates are fighting it out against a single seat for Buner and Malakand, whereas three candidates are in the fray for a single seat assigned to Upper, Lower Dir and Bajaur districts. Three candidates are facing each other for a single seat for Upper and Lower Chitral districts.

Meanwhile, Attorney General for Pakistan Mansoor Usman Awan on Friday set aside an order of the KP advocate general/returning officer whereby the latter had appointed 17 additional and assistant advocates general to assist him at different polling stations for the bar council polls.

The order was made over an appeal filed by different lawyers' forums and some candidates claiming the order undermined the integrity of the electoral process for the KPBC. They contended that throughout, it had been judicial officers and their staff who had been conducting the elections to the provincial bar council.

The AG, who is chairman of Pakistan Bar Council, ruled that it had been a longstanding practice that the district judiciary and their staff conducted the elections at all polling stations and such practice was being followed across other provinces and Islamabad Capital territory for the elections to their respective bar councils.

TOUGH CONTEST LIKELY IN DERA: Three major groups are contesting the elections for the KPBC in the southern districts of the province.

The first group includes former Justice Ahmad Ali Khan (advocate Supreme Court), former bar council member Sardar Hashmat Nawaz Khan Sadozai, Shah Hussain Khan (advocate Supreme Court) from Bannu, and Zafar Iqbal (advocate Supreme Court) from Lakki Marwat.

The second major group represents a political alliance between Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's Insaf Lawyers Forum and Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam Fazl's Jamiat Lawyers Forum. From this group, Zainul Abideen (advocate Supreme Court) and Adnan Ali Ghaznikhel (advocate Supreme Court) are contesting from Dera, Hafiz Mohammad Hanif (advocate Supreme Court) from Bannu, and Farooq Sabir (advocate High Court) from Lakki Marwat.

The third group includes Saleemullah Khan Ranazai (advocate Supreme Court), former president of High Court Bar Malik Hidayatullah Malana (advocate Supreme Court), and Nisar Khan Mandan (advocate High Court), former president of the District Bar, Bannu.

Prominent lawyer Saeed Akhtar Khan Marwat is also contesting from Dera.

The Ranazai group was previously allied with Sardar Hashmat Nawaz Sadozai, while Justice retired Ahmad Ali Khan contested against him in earlier elections. All four candidates from the Sadozai group have previously served as members of KPBC and hold considerable influence among lawyers across Dera, Tank, Bannu, and Lakki Marwat.

Meanwhile, the alliance between PTI and JUI-F lawyers' wings – two parties often opposed on the political front – has made the contest even more intense. Both groups have run vigorous campaigns, and the split in votes could lead to close outcomes.

Strong contests are expected on all four seats representing the southern districts, including Dera, Tank, Bannu, and Lakki Marwat.

Return of Afghans via Torkham starts today after 20-day break

By Ibrahim Shiwnari

KHYBER: After a 20-day hiatus, the return of Afghan refugees to their country via the Torkham border will resume today (Saturday), said officials at the border point on Friday evening.

However, there are no written orders for the purpose, according to customs officials.

They said they received instructions from 'above' to make necessary arrangements for the speedy return of stranded Afghan families on Saturday.

The officials said that all relevant staff members had been informed to ensure their presence on duty on Saturday morning.

It was not clear whether the Pakistanis stranded in Afghanistan will be allowed to return.

The repatriation of Afghan families with or without any travel or identity documents was abruptly suspended on Oct 12 following clashes between Pakistani and Afghan border forces on the night between October 11 and 12.

Since then a large number of the returning families have been impatiently waiting for the reopening of the Torkham border. Pakistan had closed all its borders with Afghanistan for all types of movement.

The border closure also suspended trade between the two countries. It has yet to be restored.

Officials believed that permission for the return of stranded families was granted only after an "understanding" about amicable resolution of the terrorism issues was reached at Istanbul on Oct 30.

The news of the border's reopening for returning Afghan families and individuals was celebrated by stranded refugees in Landi Kotal and Jamrud. They said they had almost exhausted all their resources in the last 20 days.

GRENADE BLAST: A boy lost his life in Jamrud tehsil in an accidental hand grenade blast on Friday.

Police said that Kamran, 10, had either mistakenly stepped on an unexploded hand grenade or pulled its string as he ventured into an unoccupied house adjacent to his own in Warmando Mela area at around midday. They said Kamran died on the spot as the hand grenade instantly exploded.

Police said they were investigating the incident.

Meanwhile, a motorcycle rider lost his life in a road accident in Landi Kotal area on Friday.

Rescue 1122 officials said Abdul Musawir of Lala Cheena area in Jamrud tehsil was on his way to Landi Kotal when he fell from his motorcycle and sustained critical head injuries for not wearing a helmet.

They said that the man was rushed to the hospital but couldn't survive due to critical injuries. The incident occurred due to speeding, according to officials.

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